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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of: Martin Gimmestad, et al.

Application No.: 10/522,510 Group Art Unit: 1652

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Tide: NEW MUTANT STRAINS OF PSEUDOMONAS FLUOROSCENS AND VARIANTS THEREOF, METHODS FOR THEIR PRODUCTION AND USES THEREOF IN ALGINATE PRODUCTION

REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION AND AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

This Amendment is being filed together with a Request for Continued Examination in response to the Final Office Action of August 13, 2007. Applicants respectfully request entry of the following amendments and withdrawal of the pending rejections upon reconsideration. The period to respond is extended by petition and payment of the appropriate fee provided herewith.

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